

FORMAL ACT  
OF SURRENDERSigned Last Night By Both  
Commissions

## JAPANESE OCCUPY FORTS

Japan Is Sending Hospital Ships to Port  
Arthur to Care for Wounded Pris-  
oners, St. Petersburg  
Hears.

Tokio, Jan. 3.—The commissioners ap-  
pointed by Generals Stoessel and Nogi  
to draw up terms for the capitulation  
of Port Arthur by the Russians, per-  
formed the formal act of signing the  
compact of surrender at 9:45 last even-  
ing.

The Japanese today occupied a num-  
ber of forts at Port Arthur. It is  
learned that the Russian officers and  
officials will be permitted to return to  
Russia, and the paroled officers will be  
allowed to retain their side arms.

## Terms of Surrender.

London, Jan. 3.—A Tokio despatch  
says it is officially announced that  
Port Arthur's garrison will remain prisoners  
of war. The officers will be granted  
liberty on parole, retaining side arms.  
But the rank and file will be dis-  
armed.

## 10,000 UNDER ARMS.

Russian Garrison Had Been Greatly De-  
pleted by Japanese.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 3.—The Russian  
consul at Chefoo today reports the ar-  
rival of several torpedo boats, carrying  
despatches from General Stoessel.  
The despatches published by the general staff  
state that gradually the Russian position  
at Port Arthur became more and more  
unfavorable and critical. Scoury made  
its appearance and the ravages of that  
disease increased the casualties. The  
losses from attacks and bombardments  
by the Japanese were considerable.  
Toward the end of the year ammunition  
gave out completely. At that time there  
were 14,000 sick and wounded under  
treatment in hospitals, and there was  
an average of 300 new cases every day.  
At the end of the siege only 10,000 men  
were under arms. The remainder of the  
garrison had either been killed or dis-  
abled.

## ST. PETERSBURG HEARS NEWS.

Press Censorship Was Removed Today  
and Port Arthur Fall Announced.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 3.—The censor  
today permitted newspapers to publish  
the news of the fall of Port Arthur, no  
mention of which was made in yester-  
day's papers. Full recognition is given  
the heroism of the defenders, while the  
bravery of the Japanese is also spoken  
of in high terms. In connection with  
this news the difficulties which lay be-  
fore General Kuropatkin are also men-  
tioned.

## A COMPLETE WRECK.

Russian Officers Arriving at Chefoo So  
Report.

Chefoo, Jan. 3.—Three torpedo launch-  
es from Port Arthur arrived here this  
morning. Russian officers who came on  
them say that Port Arthur and fortress  
are a complete wreck. Forts, ships, ware  
houses, docks and everything valuable  
has been blown up. The harbor entrance  
is now blocked with sunken vessels. Two  
hospital ships are the only navigable  
craft left in the water.

## TO TAKE CARE OF SICK.

Japanese Will Send Hospital Ships to  
Port Arthur.

Rome, Jan. 3.—A Tokio telegram says  
that General Stoessel in discussing  
terms for the surrender of Port Arthur,  
first asked that proper attention be given  
to the sick and wounded. As a result  
of this request the Mikado has ordered  
that hospital steamers proceed to Port  
Arthur and remove the invalids to Ja-  
pan.

## GENERAL ENGAGEMENT.

Begun Between Kuropatkin and Oyama,  
It Is Reported.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—A Mukden despatch  
this morning says that a general engage-  
ment between the forces of General Ku-  
ropatkin and Field Marshal Oyama has  
begun south of Holy City.

## ATTEMPT ON CZAR?

Reported at St. Petersburg—His Life  
Threatened.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 3.—It is rumored  
here that an attempt on the life of  
the czar has been made at Vilna. The  
czar has been in the vicinity of Vilna  
for some days.

## Decision Reversed.

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—United States  
circuit court of appeals has reversed the  
decision of the United States circuit for  
the district of New Jersey, which en-  
joined the carrying out of the Hill-  
Morgan plan for distributing assets of  
the Northern Security company. This  
is in favor of the Northern Security  
company and against Oregon Short Line  
Railroad company.

## BOUNTIFULLY REMEMBERED.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Erskine of Wil-  
liamstown the Recipients.

Williamstown, Jan. 3.—At the golden  
wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs.  
Charles Erskine Saturday evening there  
were about 135 people present. The  
members of the family were all present  
except one grandson, who was kept at  
home by illness. Many presents were  
left as tokens of esteem and respect.  
Among them was a silver, gold lined cup  
and saucer for each, cream spoon, \$2.50  
in gold from Williamstown Grange, sil-  
ver napkin rings from Birthday Social  
club, \$5.00 in gold from M. E. society,  
bouquet of carnations from Mr. and Mrs.  
J. H. Jeffords, sugar shell from Mr. and  
Mrs. F. J. Martin, cold meat fork from  
Mrs. and Mrs. L. D. Martin, silver, gold  
lined tooth pick holder, Mr. and Mrs. E.  
C. Drury, cold meat fork, Melvin, Flor-  
ence and Ruth Burnham; sugar shell,  
Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bohanan, Mr. gold  
cuff buttons and gold thumbie, Mr. and  
Mrs. H. C. Kibbee; crochets, Mrs. E. S.  
Erskine; linen stand spread, Mrs. Laura  
Farnham and Mrs. Charles Farnsworth;  
china cup and saucers, crochets, Mrs. E. S.  
Erskine; glass berry dish, Mrs. A. B. Merrill, handker-  
chief, Miss P. J. Wiley; poetry, Mrs.  
Austin Skinner; photo, Albert Roberts;  
Erskine and family; \$2.50 in gold, Russell  
Jeffords and family; \$2.50 in gold, George  
Williams and family; \$2.50 in gold, Henry  
Erskine and family; \$2.50 in gold from  
other friends.

There were also letters from absent  
friends. Mr. and Mrs. Erskine wish to  
express their sincere thanks to their  
friends who remembered them with their  
presence and gifts at this time.

Among the friends from out of town  
were: Mr. and Mrs. Horace Farnham of  
East Montpelier; Dr. and Mrs. L. D.  
Martin, lawyer and Mrs. Frank J. Mar-  
tin of Barre; Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Martin  
of East Montpelier; Mr. and Mrs. Edson  
Erskine of Bradford; Mr. and Mrs. Byron  
Wakelid of Brantree; Martin Flint  
of Randolph; Horace Kibbee, Brookfield;  
Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bohanan and Arthur  
Carpenter of Chelsea; Mr. and Mrs. Robert  
Raycroft, East Barre; Mrs. Gardner  
Poor and children, Northfield; Howell  
and Edna Roberts, Granville, N. Y.

## PLEASANT LODGE MEETING.

Williamstown N. E. O. P. Members Hold  
Their Installation.

Williamstown, Jan. 3.—A most enjoy-  
able time was passed last evening in  
Odd Fellows hall when the New Eng-  
land order of Protection held its instal-  
lation of officers. After the regular  
business, when one new member was  
accepted, the new officers were installed  
by Deputy Grand Warden Anna G. Mud-  
gott, followed by remarks by H. W.  
Scott, W. D. Kidder, G. A. Wilkinson of  
Barre, and other visiting members. It  
was voted to hold a public entertainment  
at the town hall in the near future. A  
short musical program was rendered.  
W. D. Kidder delighting the audience  
with several selections on the violin and  
several songs, with Mrs. Bernice Young  
as accompanist. After the programme  
refreshments of coffee and sandwiches  
were served.

A large sleigh load of merry people  
returned to Barre after the meeting.

## HELD FOR ALLEGED ARSON.

Kilon Place of Richmond Charged With  
Burning His Brother's Barn.

Hinesburgh, Jan. 3.—Kilon Place of  
Richmond was brought before Justice  
E. O. Martin Saturday on a complaint  
of Grand Juror George E. Davis on the  
charge of burning his brother, Giles  
Place's barn Friday night. After a  
partial hearing the case was continued.  
The respondent secured W. W. Rider of  
Bristol as counsel, and at Monday's hear-  
ing claimed to have been at home too  
intoxicated to have committed the crime.  
After hearing the evidence Justice Mar-  
tin held Place under \$500 bail for ap-  
pearance in county court. The bail was  
furnished by four friends and Place re-  
leased.

## NEGLIGENCE THE DEFENCE.

Central Vermont Declares That Its Em-  
ployee Was To Blame.

Woodstock, Jan. 3.—County court yes-  
terday afternoon commenced the case of  
Frank P. Russ against the Central Ver-  
mont railroad to recover damages for  
injuries sustained while on his engine in  
the Northfield yard in March last year.  
Another engine collided with his while  
on a side track, ready to take out the  
way freight south. The defense is negli-  
gence of the employees. William and  
Charles Batchelder and Plumley appear  
for the plaintiff, Witters, W. B. Stick-  
ney and Palmer for the railroad.

## GOING TO CONCORD.

Gov. Bell and Wife Will Attend Inaugu-  
ration in New Hampshire.

Montpelier, Jan. 3.—Gov. C. J. Bell  
and Mrs. Bell will go Thursday to Con-  
cord, N. H., to attend the inauguration  
ceremonies of Gov.-elect John McLane.  
They will be accompanied by General  
W. H. Gilmore and Cols. Billings and  
Dale of the governor's staff. While at  
Concord they will be the guests of Gov.  
Batchelder and Gov.-elect McLane.

## SEVERAL REFUSED TO PAY.

Residents in Bethel Fire District Think  
They Are Not Protected.

Bethel, Jan. 3.—The fire district held  
its annual meeting last evening. A warm  
conversation was indulged in as to the  
quality of protection given to those on  
the edge of the district. Several refused  
to pay any more taxes until such time  
as they are better protected. The meet-  
ing was adjourned until January 23rd.

## Accident at Woodbury Granite Plant.

Bethel, Jan. 3.—After the Christmas  
vacation the Woodbury Granite Co. start-  
ed their plant on Saturday last. During  
the morning some part of a valve broke  
on the machinery, which necessitated  
the shutting down of the plant until  
today, when work has been resumed.

PERISHED IN  
THEIR HOMENine Persons Dead in the  
Flames

## ONE CHILD ESCAPED

Family of Frank Neweski of Morris Run,  
Pa., Almost Entirely Wiped  
Out This Morn-  
ing.

Elmira, N. Y., Jan. 3.—Nine persons  
perished through the burning of the  
home of Frank Neweski, a Polish miner,  
in Morris Run, Pa., this morning. The  
dead include Neweski's wife and seven  
children. One child escaped.

## PECULIAR ACTIONS

The Rev. Norman Seaver of Rutland  
Causing Comment.

Rutland, Jan. 3. Much comment is  
caused here by the strange actions of  
the Rev. Norman Seaver of this city,  
who is now preaching at a St. Albans  
church, in connection with the death of  
Mrs. Seaver which occurred Sunday  
night. The latter part of last week he  
went to B. W. Marshall, superintendent  
of Evergreen cemetery, and ordered a  
grave dug while his wife was still liv-  
ing.

Marshall refused because the dirt  
would freeze, causing difficulty in re-  
filling. Mr. Seaver also, according to a  
statement of the undertaker, purchased  
a coffin several days before his wife's  
death. Saturday, although told by the  
rector that his wife was near death, he  
went to St. Albans and preached, say-  
ing that he could do no good here.

## TOM SUITOR FINED.

Will Take His Liquor Case to Supreme  
Court From Caledonia County Court.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 2.—Caledonia  
county court resumed its sitting yes-  
terday afternoon. The jury in the case  
of State vs. Thomas Suitor, brought in  
a verdict of guilty of one offense of  
keeping liquor with intent to sell ille-  
gally. The respondent was sentenced  
to not less than three nor more than  
four months in the house of correction  
and to pay a fine of \$300. Suitor, who  
is a Hardwick man, was released on  
\$1,200 bail furnished by his brother,  
Hugh Suitor of Barre. The case will  
be taken up to supreme court.

## ODD FELLOWS OFFICERS.

Three Montpelier Lodges Held Installa-  
tion Last Evening.

Montpelier, Jan. 3.—The installation  
of Vt. Lodge, I. O. O. F., was held last  
evening as follows: N. G., C. E. Bug-  
bee; vice grand, O. G. Harris; secretary,  
Ed. Baker; treasurer, H. O. Kent; P. N.  
G., Elmer Clark; of Ivy Rebekah Lodge,  
N. G., Mrs. Frank Bemis; V. G., Mrs. E.  
H. Tracey; secretary, Mrs. W. A. Pat-  
tee; treasurer, Mrs. F. E. Smith; P. N.  
G., Mrs. Elmer Clark; of Thomas Wil-  
son Encampment, S. W. Corne, F. W. W.  
B. Worthing; secretary, Edward Baker,  
treasurer; H. A. Bowman, C. V. G.; H.  
O. Kent.

## ANGERED, TOOK POISON.

Morrisville Girl Wasn't Allowed to En-  
tertain a Gentleman Friend.

Morrisville, Jan. 3.—Because her father  
had forbidden a certain young man  
from calling on her, Miss May Goodale,  
a bright, pretty girl of 19 years, daughter  
of George Goodale, a well to do farmer  
of Morrisville, committed suicide by  
taking poison on Saturday evening.  
Miss Goodale died about nine o'clock in  
the evening, after having taken some  
headache tablets containing poison about  
an hour before.

## CONDUCTED HIS OWN CASE.

But Joseph Macey Could Not Save Him-  
self from a Sentence.

Montpelier, Jan. 3.—Joseph Macey of  
Worcester was yesterday afternoon  
found guilty of the charge of non-supp-  
ort of his family and sentenced to  
not less than 40 and not more than  
50 days in the house of correction, where  
he was taken today. The case was con-  
ducted before Justice E. C. Shurtliff.  
The defendant refused to secure a law-  
yer and conducted his own case.

## OPENING POSTPONED.

Montpelier Public Schools Will Not Open  
Until Jan. 16.

Acting on the advice of Health Officer  
Lindsay, Superintendent Browncombe of  
the Montpelier public schools has decided  
to postpone the opening until January  
16. This action is taken not because  
of any increase in the number of cases  
of scarlet fever, but as a precautionary  
measure.

## J. A. THOMPSON'S FUNERAL.

Held Yesterday Afternoon and Body Was  
Taken to Lebanon, N. H.

The funeral of J. A. Thompson was  
held yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock  
from the home of Al Patterson at South  
Barre. Rev. W. A. Kinzie of the Baptist  
church officiating. The body was taken  
to Lebanon, N. H., this morning for  
burial.

THREE CHURCH  
MEETINGSCongregationalists, Baptists  
and Methodists Gathered

## LATTER SCORED PROCTOR

At All Three Meetings Yesterday Spirit  
of Optimism Prevailed Over Good  
Reports of the Year's  
Progress

Three Barre churches held meetings  
yesterday on the opening of the new year  
and the reports gave proof that the  
church life of the community received  
a considerable impetus during the past  
year.

## THE CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY.

Satisfactory Reports All Around Were  
Heard Yesterday.

The annual meeting of the Congrega-  
tional church society yesterday was a  
cheering and encouraging one, with a  
larger attendance than on any previous  
occasion in recent years. The reports  
of all officials showed growth in the  
church membership, in the Sunday  
school, in the church attendance and in  
financial support of the work. The Rev.  
E. A. Poole, the pastor, reported he had  
secured pledges a little in excess of  
\$3100 towards a fund to enlarge the  
seating capacity of the church, which is  
now taxed to its utmost at many ser-  
vices, and as an expression of good will  
toward him, he was presented with a  
substantial sum of money from mem-  
bers of the congregation.

The business meeting opened at 10  
o'clock in the forenoon with James Adie  
as moderator and C. S. Wallace as clerk.  
The first business considered was the  
report of the business committee, which  
was very satisfactory. Not only has  
income from various sources paid the  
running expenses for 1904, but also three  
years' interest on the parsonage mort-  
gage to date. The report of the collec-  
tor, Mrs. Cora J. Hall, showed that all  
envelope pledges had been paid with the  
exception of less than a hundred dollars.  
Following these reports John E. Smith  
was re-elected a member of the business  
committee for three years, and Henry  
A. Phelps was elected for one year, to  
fill the unexpired term of Alex. Budhan,  
who had previously tendered his resig-  
nation. Deacon Howe was elected for  
six years to succeed himself and C. M.  
Winch and John McDonald were elected  
auditors. J. C. Griggs was elected col-  
lector.

Rev. E. A. Poole's pastoral report for  
the year showed that 34 members had  
been taken into the church and the losses  
had been 15, leaving a total present  
membership of 563. The congregations  
for the year have been larger, and espe-  
cially was this true of the evening ser-  
vices. There seemed to be more general  
interest in the services, particularly on  
the part of the men. The financial show-  
ing for the year was good. Mr. Poole then  
went on to tell of the church enlarge-  
ment fund. Twenty-three men had  
pledged \$2515 on condition that \$4000  
be raised, the Ladies' Aid had  
pledged \$300 and pledges from the Wil-  
ling Workers, Baraca and Sunshine classes  
had brought the amount up to over  
\$3100. Mr. Poole recommended an in-  
dividual communion service, and closed  
by saying the work was more interesting  
to him every year.

When he had concluded, C. M. Winch  
for the members of the church, presented  
Mr. Poole a substantial sum of money as  
an expression of good will and a  
New Year's greeting, which was gratefully  
acknowledged by the pastor. Rob-  
ert Beside, for the Junior Endeavor  
society, presented Mrs. Poole a hand-  
some bouquet.

Following the suggestions in Mr.  
Poole's report the business committee  
was empowered to purchase a strip of  
land from the city and a committee of  
nine was appointed to carry out the  
work of enlarging the church when the  
full cost shall have been subscribed.

The report of the Sunday school su-  
perintendent showed a total enrollment  
of 484 with an average attendance of  
261 against 235 the year previous, and  
13 had united with the church from  
the Sunday school. The primary de-  
partment has an enrollment of 160 and  
the cradle roll contains 95 names. H.  
G. Woodruff was re-elected superintendent  
of the Sunday school. The Y. P. S. C. E.  
has a membership of 56, the Junior C. E.  
45, the Ladies' Missionary society 47,  
and the Willing Workers 27.

The business of the day was suspend-  
ed for an hour at noon time for dinner,  
which was served by the Ladies' Aid in  
the vestry. About 200 sat down to the  
well-laden tables.

## WITH THE METHODISTS.

Senator Proctor Unanimously Requested  
to Oppose Canteen Bill in Congress.

The New Year's gathering at the Meth-  
odist Episcopal church was in the nature  
of a centennial anniversary, it being  
just 100 years since the Barre "charge"  
became an independent church. On Sun-  
day evening the Rev. W. R. Davenport,  
a former pastor, gave an address contain-  
ing many interesting historical facts.  
Monday at one p. m. a large gathering  
sat down at the New Year's dinner,  
which was greatly enjoyed by all.  
The after dinner exercises were very  
interesting. Miss Elizabeth Hanson, the  
deaconess, gave a short address on the  
mission work at North Barre. The "So-  
cial Side of Church Life" was presented  
by the Rev. W. B. Dukeshire of Mont-

pelier, and the Rev. W. A. Smithers, a  
former pastor, gave a talk on "Church  
Loyalty." A. A. Boyce, treasurer of the  
society, and Mrs. Barnes of the fi-  
nance committee reported on finances,  
and showed the church to be in a better  
condition than a year ago.

Mrs. W. R. Davenport read a poem  
of her own composition, which was high-  
ly appreciated. C. S. Andrews, the Sun-  
day school superintendent spoke on the  
needs of his department. Then followed  
remarks by C. H. Scott, F. L. Page, Dr.  
Hanson and John Wilson.

By a unanimous vote Senator Proctor  
was requested to oppose the army can-  
teen bill just being introduced into Con-  
gress.

Interesting relics pertaining to the  
church were on exhibition.  
The first Methodist Episcopal church  
was built in Barre in 1801 and is now  
standing, being occupied by Reynolds &  
Son as a hardware store. This building  
is the oldest church or public building  
in Washington county. The second church  
was built in 1838, and is still standing,  
it being the building on Church street  
occupied by the Boy's club. The present  
church was dedicated in 1896.

## BAPTISTS OPTIMISTIC.

This Church Is in a Healthy Condition  
and Starts New Year Well.

The annual meeting of the Baptist  
church society was held at the church  
yesterday afternoon with about the larg-  
est attendance of members and friends  
in its history. The church has passed  
a very successful year and starts on the  
new year with renewed energy and most  
cheerful prospect for even better success.  
The total membership of the church is  
242. Thirty-nine new members were  
taken in during the year.

At the roll call of members 123 an-  
swered to their names and there were  
many more who came in after the roll  
call, who with the young people made  
the church comfortably full.

The report of the treasurer showed  
that all bills incurred during the past  
year had been paid and that a small  
sum was left in the treasury to help  
start the new year. All interest on the  
building fund debt has been paid up  
to date and fifty dollars was paid on  
the principal.

The officers for the ensuing year were  
elected as follows: Clerk, F. A. Cragg;  
treasurer, C. W. Perry; collector, A. E.  
Johnson; auditors, George Inglis, James  
Perry; Bible school superintendent, G.  
H. Watt; assistant superintendent, John  
Begg; secretary, D. H. Cutler; librarian,  
E. A. Gullison; financial committee, W.  
A. Perry, D. A. Perry, F. W. Cliley, D.  
H. Cutler, and Eleanor Rollins; advisory  
committee, E. M. Tayntor, William Mc-  
Donald, Mrs. A. C. Downing, Mrs. E. C.  
French; baptismal committee, J. M. Nas-  
on, A. E. Johnson, Arden Ordway, Mrs.  
J. A. Denno, Mrs. Frank Stacey, Mrs.  
Hiram Thayer; choir leader, W. D. Kid-  
der; organist, Miss Annie Inglis; chair-  
man of board of ushers, D. H. Cutler.

John Nason was appointed junior of  
the church to succeed F. A. Hutchinson,  
who recently resigned. Deacon Hutchin-  
son had been a most faithful pastor  
since the church was built, eleven years  
ago, and last evening he was presented  
a purse of eighteen dollars, contributed  
by members of the society in appreciation  
of his services.

The pastor, Rev. W. A. Kinzie, made  
the presentation to Deacon Hutchinson,  
and while he was enjoying Mr. Hutchin-  
son's surprise, E. M. Tayntor presented  
a good sized purse of money to their  
much upraised pastor. At 5:30 o'clock  
a very enjoyable supper was served in  
the dining room to a large number.

## DRAMA DREW WELL.

Barre Man's Production Pleased Large  
Audience Saturday Night.

The opera house Saturday evening  
was packed full with the Italian people  
of the city to see the first presentation  
of the play "L'Idée Cammina" or "The  
Progress of the Socialist Idea," which  
was written by L. M. Caminita, a well  
known clerk in the store of Segals &  
Brady. The play was presented by the  
"Veclia Filodrammatica" of the Italian  
colony in an excellent manner and it  
is putting it mildly to say that the au-  
dience was highly pleased with the dra-  
ma and the fine acting of the players.

Albino Corti, who took the leading  
part, did excellent work and received  
most enthusiastic applause from the au-  
dience as did also Esterina Donetti and  
G. Donetti, who handled their difficult  
parts very well.

By the request of many who wish to  
see the play again, Mr. Caminita expects  
to have it presented again in the near  
future. The proceeds from the play go  
to pay the expense of having the drama  
printed in book form.

Joseph Alabazini drew the \$25 overcoat  
which was given as a prize. His num-  
ber was 383. The coat came from the  
store of Segals & Brady.

## NEW NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

Of Granite Industries of The United  
States.

Representatives of the granite indus-  
tries of the United States met in Bos-  
ton last week and effected an organiza-  
tion to be known as "The National As-  
sociation of the Granite Industries of  
the United States." The following offi-  
cers were elected: President, Seward  
Jones; 1st vice president, J. L. Miller;  
2nd vice president, J. L. Miller;  
third vice president, Harry Rogers;  
fourth vice president, O. W. Norcross;  
5th vice president, S. J. Webb; treas-  
urer, W. H. Sayward, temporary secre-  
tary.

## A Surprise Party.

About 30 friends of Miss Marjorie  
Holland gathered at her home on Foster  
street Saturday evening and presented  
her with a gold ring and a crystal neck-  
lace. Refreshments were served and  
music was rendered during the evening  
on a graphophone. All had a very en-  
joyable evening.

INSURANCE  
TO BE CUTBarre Will Probably Get Three  
Per Cent Reduction.

## HAZARD RATE REDUCED

There Were More Fire Alarms in Barre  
Last Year, But Proportionate Loss  
Was Cut Down Through Use  
of Chemical

About February first, or when the  
new central fire station is completed and  
the apparatus installed, the property  
owners of the city of Barre will receive  
the benefit of a three per cent reduction  
in insurance rates. This can be set down  
as "true as preaching," although there  
may be a slip between now and the  
time when the fire department of the  
city is placed on a par with that of  
other cities of the same size. But the  
property owners may be practically cer-  
tain that the rates will be sliced that  
percentage and there will be rejoicing  
accordingly. The reduction will be made  
as the result of the diminishing of the  
hazard. A hazard rate is tacked on in  
places where the equipment is not con-  
sidered sufficient and where the water  
pressure is not strong enough. With  
the fire station completed and the appar-  
atus in shape the city will be well fixed,  
as the water system is very satisfactory.

Since the new chemical engine was  
brought into use there has been a sur-  
prising decrease in the losses chiefly be-  
cause of the fact that water has not  
been used. The chemical was used for  
the first time April 26. From that date  
up to the present time there have been  
fourteen alarms. In only one instance  
was water turned on, that the fire in  
the Socialist block on Granite street,  
where the flames had secured a big  
headway before the department was  
summoned. Previous to the installing  
of the chemical, water would have been  
used in almost every case, with the  
corresponding loss therefrom.

There is one other significant fact to  
be noted in connection with the in-  
creased efficiency of the fire department.  
That is the frequent use of the telephone  
to give laras in case of small fires. Of  
the last nine alarms seven were given  
by means of the telephone. In these  
seven cases only the chemical responded,  
and the city was saved the expense of  
paying the whole department of volun-  
teer firemen. Each time the entire de-  
partment is called out there is a cost  
to the city of \$75.

## The Year's Fire Record.

During the year just closed there were  
27 alarms, as against 17 the year before.  
And although the number is considerably  
larger for the past year the loss is just  
about the same. The largest loss was  
the burning of the Blanchard building  
on February 27, at which a loss ap-  
proaching \$80,000 was sustained. There  
were several fires with no loss, being  
nothing more than chimney fires. The  
record of all the alarms as kept by Chief  
Charles Campbell is as follows:

January 9, box 21, Socialist Hall,  
Granite street.  
January 30, box 14, William Hawes  
house, no damage.  
February 2, box 15, Clayton's tenement,  
River street.  
February 6, box 24, Stafford & Holden  
plant.  
February 17, box 14, Sargent's block,  
North Main street.  
February 18, box 21 C. V. freight  
house.  
February 20, box 21, C. V. freight  
house.  
February 22, box 34, Shepard tenement,  
Washington street.  
February 27, box 23, Blanchard block.  
March 15, box 21, C. V. baggage house  
(two alarms).  
March 16, box 15, C. Merlo, Granite  
street.  
March 26, box 21, C. V. passenger sta-  
tion.  
March 31, box 14, Henderson house,  
Hawes street.  
April 26, box 23, Old City Building,  
(basement).  
May 10, box 31, Beckley house, Park  
street.  
May 12, box 142, Hawes tenement,  
Railroad street.  
May 27, box 14, false alarm.  
May 28, box 15, Socialist hall, Granite  
street.  
June 11, telephone, Bolster house,  
West street.  
Sept. 3, telephone, Sargent block, No.  
Main street.  
Sept. 10, telephone, West End Hotel.  
Nov. 16, telephone, Mrs. Robert Wil-  
son Academy street.  
Nov. 21, telephone, Bolster house,  
West street.  
Nov. 29, box 18, Callaghan house,  
Seminary street.  
Dec. 21, telephone, chimney fire,